

RECOGNIZING HIS EXCELLENCY
KANAT SAUDABAYEV ON HIS AP-
POINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF
KAZAKHSTAN

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEAGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. FALEOMAVEAGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a letter signed by 24 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in recognition of our dear friend, His Excellency Kanat Saudabayev, who on May 15, 2007, was appointed by President Nursultan Nazarbayev as Secretary of State for the Republic of Kazakhstan. Prior to his appointment, His Excellency Saudabayev served as Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the United States.

In gratitude for his service, in honor of his appointment, and with confidence that he will spare no effort in serving the people of Kazakhstan, we include the following letter to be made part of our Congressional history:

His Excellency KANAT SAUDABAYEV,
Secretary of State, Republic of Kazakhstan,
Ak Orda, Astana.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: It is with pleasure that we commend you on your new appointment as Secretary of State of the Republic of Kazakhstan which we note is one of the highest positions in your country which ranks fifth in seniority, behind the President, the Prime Minister and the Speakers of both Houses.

We also applaud your six and a half years of service in Washington as Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the United States. During your tenure, you advanced U.S.-Kazakhstan relations by strengthening friendship between our peoples and cooperation between our countries. The United States and the people of Kazakhstan have much to be proud of from your long career of selfless service.

We acknowledge your invaluable contributions as a distinguished diplomat and esteemed statesman, and we are confident that in your new position you will take an active part in fostering our strategic partnership.

We wish you well and convey to you our sincere appreciation for your service. You will be missed.

Sincerely,

Tom Lantos, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Eni F.H. Faleomaveaga, Chairman, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, Alcee L. Hastings, Chairman, U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Chris Cannon; Jim McDermott; Phil English; Darrell E. Issa; Robert Wexler; Pete Sessions; Jim Saxton.

Patrick J. Tiberi; Shelley Berkley; Madeleine Z. Bordallo; Maurice D. Hinchey; Albio Sires; Charlie Melancon; Robert D. Aderholt; Tom Price; Edolphus Towns; Gregory W. Meeks; Howard P. "Buck" McKeon; Ellen O. Tauscher; Eddie Bernice Johnson; Donna M. Christensen.

**AIR FORCE HEALTH STUDY/
OPERATION RANCH HAND**

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to

ensure that the assets, including electronic data files and biological specimens on all participants in the Air Force Health Study, are transferred to the Medical Follow-Up Agency from the Air Force Health Study and are maintained, managed, and made available as a resource for future research for the benefit of veterans and their families, and for other humanitarian purposes.

This legislation is a companion to legislation introduced in the Senate by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman, DANIEL AKAKA.

Operation Ranch Hand was the military code name for the spraying of herbicides from U. S. Air Force aircraft in Southeast Asia from 1962 through 1971. During this time, Ranch Hand sprayed about 19 million gallons of herbicide, 11 million of which consisted of Agent Orange. The spray fell mostly on the forests of South Vietnam, but some was used in Laos, and some killed crops to deprive Vietcong and North Vietnamese troops of food. In all, Ranch Hand sprayed herbicide over about 6 million acres.

The Air Force Health Study (AFHS)—also known as the Ranch Hand Study—was initiated by the U.S. Air Force in 1979 to assess the possible health effects of military personnel's exposure to Agent Orange and other chemical defoliants sprayed during the Vietnam War, some of which contained dioxin.

The initial physical examination and surveying of study subjects was conducted in 1982 and subsequent cycles were conducted in 1985, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002. The data from the physical examinations should not be lost, and in fact, should be available to researchers for the benefit of all.

My bill is consistent with the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine's report on the disposition of the study. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

**TRIBUTE TO MS. PATRICIA
"PATTIE" COUGHLAN**

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Ms. Patricia "Pattie" Coughlan upon her receipt of the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout her career, Ms. Coughlan has dedicated herself to bettering our community. As an active member of the Suburban Republican Women's Club since 1985, she has assisted in the election of qualified and capable leaders—with perhaps one notable Congressional exception currently serving—to public office at the local, county, state, and federal levels. She is credited with the creation of the redoubtable and renowned Suburban Republican Women's Club newsletter, for which she is currently the Editor-in-Chief.

Ms. Coughlan has also served in various senior leadership positions of the Club, in which she has promoted the ideas and principles of fiscal responsibility, equal opportunity, and responsive governance. Through her devotion to Republican principles, Patti continues to ennoble and enlighten our world.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Coughlan's legendary dedication to the founding principles of our

great democracy and her tireless efforts to perpetuate America's revolutionary experiment in human freedom are an inspiration to all. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Patricia "Pattie" Coughlan upon her receipt of the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award and in recognizing her selfless service to our community and our country.

VETERAN'S DAY POEM

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our country's veterans with a poem by my constituent, Jack Richards.

VETERAN'S DAY FOR SGT. JOSHUA P. MORGAN,
USMC

I think of your valor
In being willing to take a stand for liberty
I am speechless
In light of your bravery
I know your type
Is not charmed, by show-offs, in the ranks
Nonetheless
Please, lower your guard for a moment
And hear a grateful nation's thanks
It's not the battles you fight, it's signing the
line, saying you will.

**HONORING PROJECT INSTAR AND
DR. GENEVIEVE HEALY**

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Project INSTAR and Dr. Genevieve Healy, its director. Dr. Healy was a middle school teacher in Ohio before pursuing a masters degree at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. During her graduate studies, Dr. Healy foresaw a potential benefit for K-12 teachers through research being performed at the Rosenstiel School. She introduced a collaboration between professors, graduate students, and K-12 public school teachers.

With the help of her professors, Dr. Peter Swart, current chairman of marine geology, and Dr. Michael Grammar, at the time an assistant professor with the Rosenstiel School, Dr. Healy initiated Project INSTAR in 1997. This concept brought local public school science teachers from Miami-Dade County to the University of Miami where they had the opportunity to perform research side by side with graduate students and their professors. Ten years later, this program's success has been made possible in large part due to Dr. Healy's dedication and efforts. With the University of Miami's generous support, this initiative continues to grow.